

Online exhibit on Newspapers and Women's suffrage



Project Title	Online exhibit on Newspapers and Women's suffrage
Project Summary	Contribute to an online exhibit about newspaper coverage of the struggle for women's equality and the right to vote.
Country	United States
Agency	National Park Service
DoS Office	N/A
Post	N/A
Section	N/A
Number of Interns	2

Project Description

Newspapers covered pro and anti suffrage arguments before American women won voting rights with the ratification of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920. How did this social movement get reported? In consultation with the supervisors, the intern(s) will choose newspapers and examine how they covered pro and anti suffrage arguments. The approaching 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment provides an opportunity to reflect on how such profound social change occurs. The exhibit will enhance media literacy by illustrating how newspapers influence profound social change and how different perspectives and biases influenced reporting.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

Intern(s) will use the database available through the Library of Congress' (LOC) Chronicling America website (<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>) for their research.

Additional helpful guidance is available here: <https://www.neh.gov/divisions/preservation/featured-project/the-local-the-global-americas-newspapers-chronicle-the> and here: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/topics/nineteenth.html>

The intern will use their historic research skills to define the specific steps of the project in consultation with the supervisors. Those steps will likely include: 1. Maintaining and sharing thorough research notes throughout the project, including accurate citations; 2. Identifying newspapers available per state in the LOC database and researching those newspapers to understand their general political leaning; 3. Selecting specific newspapers to ensure inclusion of diverse political perspectives; 4. Becoming familiar with general history of the struggle for Women's rights and related social movements of the time; 5. Developing a consistent search strategy using terms related to women's suffrage; 6. Developing a consistent strategy for collecting and analyzing relevant articles; 7. Summarizing research results; and 8. Synthesizing research results into an illustrated essay suitable for the online exhibit.

Language Requirements

None